WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A High Performance Computing (HPC) node comprising:
 - a motherboard;
- a switch comprising eight or more ports, the switch integrated on the motherboard; and
 - at least two processors operable to execute an HPC job, each processor communicably coupled to the integrated switch and integrated on the motherboard.

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- 2. The HPC node of Claim 1, each processor coupled to the integrated switch through a Host Channel Adapter (HCA).
- 3. The HPC node of Claim 2, each processor further coupled to the integrated switch through a Hyper Transport/PCI bridge.
- 4. The HPC node of Claim 1, the processors communicably coupled via a Hyper Transport link.
 - 5. The HPC node of Claim 1, each processor communicably coupled to the integrated switch through a North Bridge.

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- 6. The HPC node of Claim 1, the integrated switch operable to communicate I/O messages at a bandwidth substantially similar to power of the processors.
- 7. The HPC node of Claim 1, the integrated switch comprising an Infiniband switch.

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8. The HPC node of Claim 1, the integrated switch operable to:

communicate a first message from a first of the two or more processors; and

5 communicate a second message from a second of the two or more processors, the first and second message communicated in parallel.

- 9. A High Performance Computing (HPC) system comprising a plurality of interconnected HPC nodes, each node comprising:
 - a motherboard;
- a switch comprising eight or more ports, the switch integrated on the motherboard and operable to interconnect at least a subset of the plurality of nodes; and
- at least two processors operable to execute an HPC 10 job, each processor communicably coupled to the integrated switch and integrated on the motherboard.
 - 10. The HPC system of Claim 9, the two or more processors on each node coupled to the integrated switch through a Host Channel Adapter (HCA).
 - 11. The HPC system of Claim 10, the two or more processors on each node further coupled to the integrated switch through a Hyper Transport/PCI bridge.

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- 12. The HPC system of Claim 9, the two or more processors on each node communicably inter-coupled via a Hyper Transport link.
- 25 13. The HPC system of Claim 9, the two or more processors on each node communicably coupled to the integrated switch through a North Bridge.

14. The HPC system of Claim 9, the integrated switch of each node operable to communicate I/O messages at a bandwidth substantially similar to power of the processors.

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- 15. The HPC system of Claim 9, the integrated switch of each node comprising an Infiniband switch.
- 16. The HPC system of Claim 9, the plurality of HPC nodes arranged in a topology, the topology enabled by the integrated fabric of each node.
 - 17. The HPC system of Claim 16, the topology comprising a hypercube.

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- 18. The HPC system of Claim 16, the topology comprising a folded topology.
- 19. The HPC system of Claim 9, a first node of the plurality of nodes interconnected to a second node of the plurality of nodes along an X axis, a third node of the plurality of nodes along a Y axis, a fourth node of the plurality of nodes along a Z axis, and a fifth node along a diagonal axis.

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20. The HPC system of Claim 19, the connection between the first node and the fifth node operable to reduce message jumps among the plurality of nodes.

21. A method for forming an HPC node, comprising: providing a motherboard;

integrating a switch with the motherboard;

integrating at least two processors with the 5 motherboard; and

coupling each processor with the integrated switch.

- 22. The method of Claim 21, wherein coupling each processor with the integrated switch comprises coupling each processor to the integrated switch through a Host Channel Adapter (HCA).
- 23. The method of Claim 22, wherein coupling each processor with the integrated switch comprises coupling each processor to the integrated switch through a Hyper Transport/PCI bridge.
 - 24. The method of Claim 21, further comprising coupling the processors via a Hyper Transport link.

25. The method of Claim 21, wherein coupling each processor with the integrated switch comprises coupling each processor communicably to the integrated switch

through a North Bridge.

- 26. The method of Claim 21, the integrated switch operable to communicate I/O messages at a bandwidth substantially similar to power of the processors.
- 27. The method of Claim 21, the integrated switch comprising an Infiniband switch.

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